

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MARYLAND DAY
MARCH 25, 2015**

- WHEREAS,** *The distinguished and heralded traditions of Maryland began on March 25, 1634, as two small sailing vessels the Ark and the Dove, approached Southern Maryland shores and landed on St. Clement's Island allowing settlers to disembark onto Maryland soil for the first time; and*
- WHEREAS,** *From the beginning as the world's first haven for religious liberty, Maryland, the mighty "Free State," has continued to be a haven for the fostering of new and innovative ideas. Today our State continues to prosper and build upon the ideals of Maryland's founders; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland Day, March 25, is a day all Marylanders are encouraged to commemorate by participating in festivities designed to celebrate our history and reflect upon the vast and diverse offerings of our State.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2015 as MARYLAND DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens to join in celebrating Maryland's 381st anniversary.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 25th day of March
Two Thousand and fifteen

Lawrence J. Hogan Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State